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*The Crucible* Anticipation/Reaction Guide Statement #3

Nowadays, the majority of people rely on their lies in order to stay out of trouble and to get out of doing things. At some point, those lies are going to start piling up on that person, causing things to go awry and making it hard on that person once they start to run out of options. This is why it is better to die for what you believe in rather than to lie and save your life. The first thing that comes to mind when hearing a statement like that is a “martyr.” A martyr is a person who dies or suffers for a cause or belief. In fact, many people have died for what they believed in. An example of a martyr can be associated with Jesus Christ, because Jesus spread the word of God and he did not let anyone stop him. Later on, he was crucified because he would not worship or bow down to anyone except his God. Although Jesus was aware that death was going to be the consequence, he did not let that change his mind because this whole time he had stood up for what he believed in until the very end. Not only had he not lied or went against his beliefs to save his life, but Jesus also did what he did in order to set an example for those who look up to him. In a way Jesus showed his followers that they should always stick with what they believed in and that no one can take that away from them; this was the same reason as to why he loved his followers. Just imagine, if one lies in order to save one’s own life, they have to end up living the rest of their life filled with nothing but guilt coming from their lies because it shows that lying to save one’s life is just another way of giving in and surrendering. An example could be from the Bible. According to the Bible, Peter was well known as one of Jesus’ followers, and was often doubted to the public. As the crowd became more suspicious, Peter had persistently denied Jesus multiple times. Since he was too worried about his own life, he was tempted and had taken the easy way out. After he denied Jesus, he realized what he had done and his guilt had constantly taunted him. Later on, he had reappeared and confronted his guilt by admitting to what he was accused of. Even though the outcome wasn’t pretty, he had suffered the consequences. Another example could be from *The Crucible*. In *The Crucible*, many teenage girls and women were accused of witchcraft, which in Puritan society the consequence is death. In order to save their own lives, they take the spotlight off themselves and begin to blame other women in their society for their own selfish reasons. In a way they were weaklings because they were revolved in their lies, making innocent people suffer. Above all, dying for what one believes in can help save all the trouble that might occur in the future.

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